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CANTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES 2010 REPORT

Happy New Year!!!

In 2010, your Canton Township Trustees continued our work to ensure the finances of Canton Township remain stable, while continuing to provide and improve the services to our residents and businesses.

A few items that I would like to highlight:

- Through a lot of hard work, our Fiscal Officer completed the last of the township's required audit's, for the years of 2008-2009. The township's books are now up to date. Our next audit is not due until 2012, for the years of 2010-2011.
- A number of new businesses opened in Canton Township, highlighted by Medline and Old Dominion Freight Lines, who are investing over \$23 million dollars in new facilities in the Mills Business Park on Faircrest Street and Roses Department Store which opened in the Meyers Lake Plaza.
- In June of this year, we hired Jonathon Smith as our new Zoning Director.
- Through 2010, we removed 7 abandoned/unreparable structures...at NO expense to the township. This was done utilizing a Neighborhood Stabilization Grant through Stark County Regional Planning.
- In an effort to protect and stabilize the township's General Fund, which supports our required contribution to fund the Stark County Health Department, Street Lighting, official's salaries (which are set by the Ohio Revised Code), the Zoning Department, our 2 parks and a variety of other expenses, we addressed the township's street lighting expense. Canton Township was spending \$110,000 per year on street lighting from the General Fund. In 2008, AEP was approved for a 24.8% rate increase through the years 2009-2011. This rate increase would have been a \$27,000 annual increase in street lighting expense. As you have read in the past few newsletters, certain street lights have been disconnected in an effort to reduce this expense and mitigate the cost of the rate increase.

- The fire department received a \$195,000 grant to cover 95% of the cost for a new training tower.

I would also like to share with you two award winners that were recently recognized by the Board of Trustees:

- **Employee of the Year – Dorene Crilow** in the township Zoning Department. Dorene is a long time employee of the Canton Township Zoning Department. She is always willing to lend a hand and do whatever is needed to help her fellow employees or whoever comes into the Zoning office. Dorene has also filled in numerous times for the Township Zoning Inspector when needed. Congratulations Dorene!
- **Community Recognition Award – Marathon Oil Corporation, Canton Refinery.** Marathon has a long history of support for Canton Township and specifically the Canton Township Fire Department. In 2010, Marathon provided to the Fire Department a semi tractor to be used to pull our new training tower. This tractor was provided to the Department for the total cost of \$1! The tractor has low miles and Marathon completed a number of repairs before delivering it to the Fire Department.

Employees and Community Members like this, help show why Canton Township is a Proud Family Community.

It was my pleasure to serve as President of the Board of Trustees in 2010. I wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous 2011!

Chris Nichols
Canton Township Trustee



CANTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT 2010 REPORT

The following is a summary of the major activities of the Canton Township Road Department in 2010.

Road Patching – In 2010, the Road Department put down a total of 723 tons (1,446,000 pounds) of patching at a cost of about \$49,500.00 in materials.

- 555 tons of Hot Mix
- 168 tons of Cold Mix

Road Plowing and Salting – In 2010 (last winter and so far in December), the Road Department provided Winter Service to our roads 51 times.

- Salted the Roads - 30 times.
- Plowed and Salted - 21 times.
- Used about 3,000 tons of road salt, worth about \$142,000.

Street Signs – We replaced or repaired 204 signs in the Township.

Stop Signs - 33	School - 21
Speed Limit - 29	Railroad - 17
Parking - 12	Miscellaneous - 24
Street Signs - 68	

Culvert Pipe – We installed/replaced 2,183 feet of various sizes of culverts.

Mowing – We mowed 42 empty lots or vacant homes in addition to mowing our 2 parks and all the Township maintained roads.

Street Lights – Completed an inventory of all street lights in Canton Township.

Please contact the Canton Township Road Department at 330.484.2501 to report any pot holes or street signs that need to be checked for repair.

For a list of Township maintained roads, please check the Road Department homepage on the Canton Township Website. www.cantontwp-oh.gov.



CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT 2010 REPORT

As 2010 comes to a close for the fire department we have a chance to look back on the year and reflect on our accomplishments as well as challenges we were faced with. As with any other year, the members are confronted with a variety of calls. Calls can range from the delivery of a baby to a horrific traffic accident to a house on fire. These calls may be considered all in days work, but can have a profound affect on both firefighters as well the community we serve.

General Fire Department Stats – through 12/26/10 STAFF:

Total members	68
Full-time personnel	12
Part-time personnel.....	31
Paid-per-call members.....	25
Paramedics	37
Basic EMTs.....	31

The department hired 2 part-time personnel and 3 paid-on-call members this year. 3 members were promoted to the rank of Captain and we had 5 members retire who had a combined total of **144 years of service**.

Fire Related Runs

The department ran **520** fire related calls. These calls include actual structure fires as well as carbon monoxide investigations, flooded basements, field fires and so on. In 2010, there was a fire loss of **\$668,420** to properties and an estimated save on properties of **\$1.5 million**. There were **35 fires** that were investigated.

EMS Related Runs

The department ran **1,339 medical related calls** in 2010. These calls can be any type of personal assistance ranging from a simple lifting of a person who has fallen to a full cardiac arrest or trauma. Listed are some basic stats of the department in regards to EMS. These figures are from the State of Ohio Department of EMS who tracks this information that we submit to them throughout the year.

Average response time to the scene from when the unit is notified....	2:42 min
Our time on scene of a non-trauma incident.....	18:42 min
Our time on scene for a trauma related incident.....	17:33 min
The average age of a patient we serve.....	56 yr



CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT 2010 REPORT *cont.*

A Department That Trains

Canton Township Fire Department has always focused on training. This enables us to stay proficient in commonly used techniques and functions as well as new developments in fire fighting, EMS, hazardous materials and rescue. In 2010, the department reached **5,800 hours in training time with many members achieving over 100 hours individually.**

Community Service

Teaching to and serving our community has always been a priority for the department. Our personnel spend hundreds of hours each year going into the schools, churches and businesses giving talks, teaching fire safety and CPR. This year we **instructed 900 students and adults on CPR and 1,139 people received fire safety training.**

Major Developments & Grants

- New to the department this year was the implementation of our **RIT Program**. RIT which stands for **RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM** is a program that trains firefighters on how to rapidly deploy and go into a structure and find and rescue a firefighter who may need assistance or is trapped or out of air. This is specialized training above and beyond regular firefighting training. All of our staff personnel were required to go through this training which also taught valuable lessons in personal firefighter self survival.
- The department received a grant toward the purchase of a **MOBILE TRAINING TOWER**. This was announced in the last newsletter this fall. We have taken delivery of the tower this month and look forward to all the new training opportunities this will give us. The grant amount awarded to us for this tower was over **\$220,000** and ended up covering the cost of the tower and also will enable the department to purchase some cardio equipment for the stations.
- We have also recently learned that we have received preliminary approval for a grant of **\$150,000** toward the purchase of life saving cardiac monitors for our ambulance. This grant will cover the entire cost of the new equipment. We will pass along the news once we receive the official notification or the grant award.
- Along with smaller grants for EMS training and supplies and for fire safety materials the departments will have **received or will be receiving about \$400,000** in grant money. This is a huge benefit to the department in regards to funding projects.

Looking Forward

In 2011 the department will be continuing to look forward with emphasis on equipment and fire stations. At the time all of our stations were constructed, the Canton Township Fire Department was an all volunteer Fire Department. As times have changed, many of our first response personnel are now staffed in quarters to shorter response times. Our stations need to be updated to adequately provide these accommodations, in addition to being updated simply because of age and their deteriorating condition

Extensive studies will continue to look at the most affordable means to accomplish this overdue project.



Canton Township ZONING

Jonathan Smith
Dorene Crilow
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CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT 2010 REPORT

The following is a summary of the major activities of the Canton Township Zoning Department in 2010.

- In June of 2010, Jonathon Smith was hired as the new Canton Township Zoning Director.
- The launch of ZonePro software, in an effort to make our Zoning Department more efficient and improve record keeping.
- 7 - Vacant and Unsafe Houses in the township were removed. These buildings were removed at no expense to the township, utilizing Neighborhood Stabilization Grants managed through Stark County Regional Planning. NOTE: Canton Township was the 1st township in Stark County to take advantage of this Grant Program.
- 78 – Properties received High Grass Violation Letters
 - a. 42 were mowed by the Township, with the expenses charged against the property's tax duplicate.
 - b. 36 mowed by the property owners.
- 149 – Properties received Violation Letters for trash, debris, vehicles, etc.
- 95 – Junk/Inoperable Vehicles were removed by the property owners.
- 6 – Junk/Inoperable Vehicles were towed by Township.
- 150 - Zoning Permits were issued.
- 38 - Park Pavilion Rentals



CANTON TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER 2010 REPORT

Township Audit Update:

Canton Township completed its 2008-2009 State Audit this past November 2010. The audit report included no findings for recovery. The next township audit will be in the spring of 2012, covering the years 2010-2011.

We are all working hard to keep Canton Township financially sound.

Fiscal Officer
Ron Smith
330-484-2501



General Fund	\$	577,453.04	Zoning	\$	10,500.00
Motor Vehicle	\$	53,000.00	Fire Levy	\$	1,573,651.23
Gas Tax	\$	170,000.00	Permissive License	\$	150,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$	755,690.49	Ambulance/EMS	\$	460,000.00
Fire District	\$	315,870.02	Fire Loss Fund	\$	20,000.00
Street Lighting	\$	95,000.00	FEMA Fire Grant	\$	160,000.00
			Total	\$	4,341,164.78

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Your CANTON TOWNSHIP Team



From left to right Bill Smith, *Trustee* • Jim Wilcox, *Trustee*
Chris Nichols, *Trustee* • Ron Smith, *Fiscal Officer*

Check out the Canton Twp website at
www.cantontwp-oh.gov. Updated, approved
minutes after each meeting.

Township Meetings

Meetings will start at 7:00 pm. The Board welcomes all to come to a meeting and watch your local government at work.

January 19 (Wednesday)

February 1 & 14 (Monday)

March 1, 15 & 29

RECYCLE PROGRAM

Most bottles and
jars contain at
least 25% recycled
glass.

DROP OFF
OUTSIDE FENCED AREA
24 HOURS A DAY
7 DAYS A WEEK!